RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND OTHER MATERIALS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM:

In accordance with Title 42, Chapter 35, of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human Services (DHS) proposes to adopt rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and other materials relating to the following program(s):

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Effective December1, 2007, to increase the monthly standard utility allowance (SUA) from \$520.00 to \$556.00.

Interested persons may inspect said proposed rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and other related materials on the Department of Human Services website at www.dhs.ri.gov, or in the Office of Policy Development, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, Bldg. 57, Howard Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Interested persons may submit data, views, or written arguments to the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, Bldg. 57, 600 New London Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island 02920, within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice. A fiscal note is available upon request. In the development of the rules and regulations, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information. (Complies with 42-35-3(3).) The health, safety and welfare of the public preclude any economic impact that may be incurred as a result of these regulations.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on these rules if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, or an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.